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Melazzo, Feb. 31.

WIthin these three or four dayes several *French* deserters are come hither from *Messina*; they tell us, That the *French* Fleet lately arrived there, had not brought any supply of Soldiers or Ammunition; That there was a great scarcity of Provisions; and that the *French* Fleet had been much shattered in the Fight with the *Dutch* on the 8th instant, and that they were refitting, with intention in 3 or 4 dayes to return towards *Provence*.

Naples, Febr. 25. The day after the date of our last, which was the 18 instant, Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* sailed with the ships under his command for *Melazzo*, having while he was here been treated by our Viceroy with great respects and kindness. The Prince of *Montesarchio* is, as we are told, commanded to *Madrid*, to give an account of several matters relating to his late conduct of the Armada. Our Advices assure us, That the Provisions which the *French* lately brought to *Messina*, were not at all proportionable to the necessities that City was in, and that those Inhabitants continue still in great want of victuals. The *French*, we hear, have lately seized 6 Barks laden with Oyl and Corn, which would have passed the Fare.

Madrid, Febr. 26. Five hundred thousand Crowns have lately been remitted from hence to the Duke *de Villa Hermosa*, Governor of the *Spanish Netherlands*; and we are told, that far more considerable Sums will follow so soon as the Galions arrive, which are expected the next month; for by a Vessel arrived from *Cuba*, we have advice, that on the 29 of *November* last, the Galions arrived in the *Havana*. Some dayes since parted hence *Don Diego de Ibirra* for *Alicant*, from whence he will pass to *Italy*, to command our Armada in those parts. The Viceroy of *Catalonia* presses very much for Succors from hence, some monies have been sent him; it's believed the Enemy will attack us very briskly on that side this Summer, *Don John* of *Austria* continues at *Saragoça*, and the Kingdom of *Arragon* without a Viceroy, those *States* desiring that the King would first do them the honour to come among them, and to take the usual Oath for the maintaining their ancient Liberties, *&c.* The Marquis *de Villa Garcia*, who hath resided some time on the part of this Crown at *Genoua*, is now going with the character of Ambassador to *Venice*, in the room of the Marquis *de la Fuente*, who, it's said, is to go and reside in that quality in *England*. From *Lisbon* they write, That they are fitting out a Fleet again, to be employed, as was given out, against the *Corsairs* of *Barbary*; and that the Prince Regent was sending an extraordinary Embassy hither.

Copenhagen, Febr. 10. On Sunday last dyed here the Velt Mareschal *Scack*. To morrow a Squadron of our Men of War will set Sail, to hinder the *Suedes* from sending any succors over to *Pomeren*; and the rest of our Men of War are fitting with the greatest diligence possible, the Seamen and others working on them even on Sundayes after Divine Service. Yesterday arrived here several Vessels from *Wismar* with Soldiers, and some Cannon. *Tonningen* in *Holstein* is demolishing with all speed, by order from hence. This afternoon arrived here a Vessel from *Dantzick*, the Master tells us nothing of news, not having met any ships at Sea.

Dijon, March 1. We have had of late much talk here of a great Fight of *Birds* near *Dole*, which is told thus; (with what truth we know not) That on the 26 past, about nine in the morning, were seen between *Dole* and *Salins*, a most incredible number of Birds, who by their multitude darkned the Sky; after having for some time, as it were, skirmished together in great confusion, they separated into two Bodies, and after most horrible cryes, they engaged against each other with such a fury, that several thousands have been found upon the earth, some smothered, with most of their feathers off, and others all bloody and torn; these Birds were of 100 several sorts, of several sizes and several Colours; those which were most numerous, weighed four or five pounds; their Claws were like those of *Indian* Hens, Nibs crooked like Parrots, and their Feathers of an Ash colour. About 500 paces of ground was covered with these dead Carcasses to a mans height, besides several thousand that were found dispersed here and there, insomuch that it being feared the Air might be infected by them, Pioneers have been sent from *Dole* to bury them. } Birds

Strasburgh, March 9. The 7th instant arrived here Monsieur *Verjus*, Envoy from the Most Christian King; as yet he has not had Audience of our Magistrates, nor made any overture to them. We have advice from *Saverne*, That the Wagons which were made use of for the bringing the late Convoy thither from *Metz*, have been sent to *Nancy*, to lade quantitys of Provisions there likewise for *Saverne*. The *French* begin to draw together in these parts; and though we are now assured that the Most Christian King doe not design to come into *Germany* this Summer, yet we have reason to believe, that the Campagne will not be less brisk on this side.

Cologne, March 15. On Tuesday last hapned a little War between the Students of this City, and the Inhabitants of *Duytz* on the other side of the *Rhine*, on this occasion; the said Students having resolved to pillage the houses of some *Jews*, and of other Inhabitants of *Duytz*, with whom they had had a quarrel the day before, and repairing thither in a Body to execute their design, the Burghers put themselves in Arms, and going about to oppose the Students, several Muskets were discharged on both sides, by which four or five were killed; nothing was done farther at that time, but the thing is not yet accommodated. Six hundred men are marched from *Bonne* towards *Treves*. The Duke of *Newburgh* continues his Levies of Infantry, but has not as yet began to raise any Cavalry.

Hamburgh, March 11. The stopping of our ships by the *Danes* at *Gluckstadt* (of which we told you in our last) has occasioned great disorder here; for no sooner was the news come to Town, but the Seamen gathering together in great numbers, went in a Tumult to the house of the Sieur *Hubem*, the Imperial Commissary,

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